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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.		60,152-1034
First Inventor		Harold A. Ladouceur
Title	SELF-PIERCING ELEMENT; METHOD OF ATTACHMENT AND DIE MEMBER	
Express Mail Label No.	EL997489748US	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages (25)]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
Descriptive title of the invention
Cross reference to related applications
Statement regarding Fed sponsored R & D
Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a
Computer program listing appendix
Background of the Invention
Brief Summary of the invention
Brief Description of the Drawings
Detailed description
Claim(s)
Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets (4)]
5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages (2)]
a. ☐ Executed (original copy)
b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(d)
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))**
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement ☒ Copies of IDS
(IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
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16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 USC 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Check for the payment of the filing fee; and **Assignment
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no.: 10/004,918 filed 12-5-01
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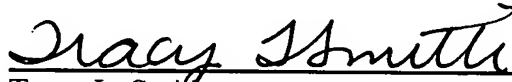
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
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☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 942**Complete if Known**

Application Number	Herewith
Filing Date	December 11, 2003
First Named Inventor	Harold A. Ladouceur
Examiner Name	Unknown
Group / Art Unit	Unknown
Attorney Docket No.	60,152-1034

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	770
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 770)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
16	-20**	0	0
Independent Claims	5	-3**	2
Multiple Dependent			0

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	200	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 172

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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